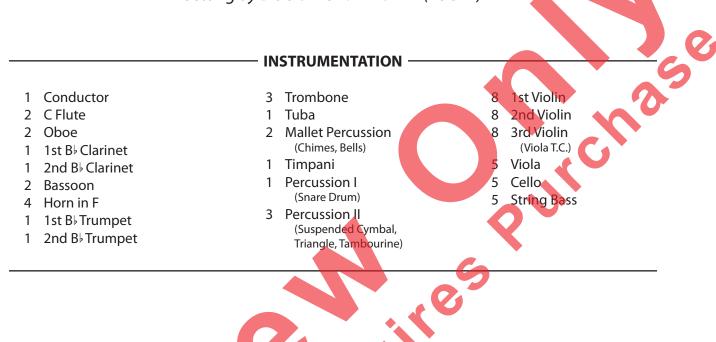


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Works Collected, Arranged, Adapted and/or Harmonized by RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS Setting by DOUGLAS E. WAGNER (ASCAP)



PROGRAM NOTES

In a lecture delivered a year before his death, Ralph Vaughan Williams commented that "vital art must spring from its own soil." His contributions to the literature, especially the major works for orchestra and concert band, are testaments to this credo. In his hands, the folk songs and carols of England enjoyed a new life and popularity.

"A Vaughan Williams Christmas" presents three English carol tunes that were collected, arranged, and adapted and/or harmonized by Vaughan Williams:

- FOREST GREEN ("O Little Town of Bethlehem"), which originally appeared in the first edition of the *English Hymnal* (1906).
- WASSAIL SONG ("Wassail, Wassail, All Over the Town"), number five of Five English Folk Songs (1913).

SUSSEX CAROL ("On Christmas Night"), included in the *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* (1912) and found as number two in *Eight English Carols* (1919).



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